existing industrial units on their substantial expansion in the identified locations have been provided. As a results, as per Government of Uttaranchal, the industrial growth rate which was 1.9% in 2001-02 has increased to 18%. 7,627 SSI units were established during last two years and the current year with an investment of Rs. 1,773.00 crores and 44,000 persons have been employed. Besides, 2,460 industrial units with an investment of Rs. 21,500.00 crores are in various stages of implementation, in which employment to about 1,50,000 persons would get generated.

(c).Rs. 24.91 crores has been released in this regard by the Central Government for the State of Uttaranchal (Uttarakhand) since 2002-2003.

**Industries in industrially backward districts ofAP**

719. SHRI NANDIYELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals if any, for setting up industrial units in the industrially backward districts of Shrikakulam and Mehboobnagar in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASH WANI KUMAR): (a) and(b) The details of Industrial licenses (IL) issued and Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda (IEM) received from entrepreneurs since 01.01.2004 till 30.09.2006 for setting up/expansion of Industrial units for the Mehboobnagar and Shrikakulam districts of Andhra Pradesh are as below:

| District | IL | EM |
|---|---|---|
| Mehboobnagar | 6 | 73 |
| Shrikakulam | Nil | 46 |

**Protection of domestic vanaspathi industry**

720. SHRI NANDIYELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate of Vanasapthi has